Morcha (JMM) agitation and the economic blockade;

(b) whether an amicable and permanent solution to the Jharkhand issue is likely to be found out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) As per the reports received from the Government of Bihar so far the details of some of the damages caused during the economic blockade are as per the statement attached. (*see* below).

(b) and (c) The Union Home Minister has held meetings on Jharkhand matters with the Chief Minister of Bihar and the representatives of Chief Ministers of West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh on 4-4-1992. The Chief Minister of Orissa did not attend the meeting but conveyed his views to the Home Minister. Meetings were also held with the representatives of major political parties and Jharkhand groups in Bihar on 6-4-1992 and 7-4-1992 respectively.

Statement

(i) On 22-3-1992, in Giridih District, a van belonging to the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., (BCCL) carrying explosives was attacked and a few other vehicles of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., were damaged;

(ii) On 24-3-1992, the engine of a goods train was damaged in Hatia near Ranchi and a mini bus was burnt in Jamshedpur District by JMM workers;

(iii) On 26-3-92, a new car of TELCO was burnt by JMM workers in Jamshedpur.

(iv) Railway lines at some places were damaged including loss of about four to five fish-plates in Ranchi District.

(v) On 28-3-1992, the Hanger of TISCO Airport was damaged in a bomb blast;

(vi) On 28-3-1992 the window panes of the Control Tower of TISCO Airport were damaged in another bomb blast.

962. [*Transferred to the 11th May*, 1992.]

Special Cell to Deal with Cable Thefts

963. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is fact that previous Police Commissioner had set up a special cell headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Police to investigate and prevent cable thefts;

(b) if so, what is the progress made by the cell to prevent cable thefts and the number of cases detected by the cell so far; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that cases of theft of cable are still continuing and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) A special team comprising one Inspector, three Sub-inspectors and three lower ranks was set up in February, 1991 under the supervision of Additional Commissioner of Police (Southern Range) to co-ordinate the investigation of cable thefts by the district police and also co-ordinate efforts to prevent cable thefts. The number of cases reported and worked out by the district police in 1991 and upto 31st March, 1992 is as follows :—

Year	Cases Reported	Cases Worked Out
1991 . .	124	40
1992 (upto 31-3-92) . .	25	6